

# State of Utah

# Department of Natural Resources

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# **Inspection Report**

Permit Number:	C0070016
Inspection Type:	PARTIAL
Inspection Date:	Tuesday, July 19, 2005
Start Date/Time:	7/19/2005 9:30:00 AM
End Date/Time:	7/19/2005 2:30:00 PM
Last Inspection:	Tuesday, June 21, 2005

Inspector: Joe Helfrich, Environmental Scientist III

Weather: sunny slight breeze 85
InspectionID Report Number: 671

Accepted by: whedberg 8/3/2005

Permitee: MOUNTAIN COAL CO
Operator: MOUNTAIN COAL CO

Site: GORDON CREEK 2, 7 & 8 MINES
Address: HC 35 BOX 380, HELPER UT 84526

County: CARBON

Permit Type: PERMANENT COAL PROGRAM

Permit Status: RECLAIMED

#### **Current Acreages**

Total Permitted	180.00
Total Disturbed	34.88
Phase I	
Phase II	
Phase III	

Mineral Ownership	<b>Types of Operations</b>
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✓ Federal		✓ Underground
State		Surface
☐ County		Loadout
<b>✓</b> Fee		Processing
Other		Reprocessing

Report summary and status for pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments:

The purpose of this site visit was to conduct a partial inspection of the Gordon Creek reclaimed facility. There were no outstanding permit amendments and no off site impacts.

Inspector's Signature

Date

Wednesday, July 20, 2005

Joe Helfrich, Environmental Scientist III Inspector ID Number: 1

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#### REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
  a. For COMPLETE inspections provide narrative justification for any elements not fully inspected unless element is not appropriate to the site, in which case check Not Applicable. b. For PARTIAL inspections check only the elements evaluated.
- 2. Document any noncompliance situation by reference the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performace standard listed below.
   Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Divison Orders, and amendments.

		Evaluated	Not Applicable	Comment	Enforcement
1.	Permits, Change, Transfer, Renewal, Sale	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>	
2.	Signs and Markers	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>	
3.	Topsoil				
4.a	Hydrologic Balance: Diversions				
4.b	Hydrologic Balance: Sediment Ponds and Impoundments	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>	
4.c	Hydrologic Balance: Other Sediment Control Measures				
4.d	Hydrologic Balance: Water Monitoring				
4.e	Hydrologic Balance: Effluent Limitations				
5.	Explosives				
6.	Disposal of Excess Spoil, Fills, Benches				
7.	Coal Mine Waste, Refuse Piles, Impoundments				
8.	Noncoal Waste				
9.	Protection of Fish, Wildlife and Related Environmental Issues				
10.	Slides and Other Damage				
11.	Contemporaneous Reclamation				
12.	Backfilling And Grading				
13.	Revegetation	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>	
14.	Subsidence Control				
15.	Cessation of Operations				
16.8	a Roads: Construction, Maintenance, Surfacing				
16.	o Roads: Drainage Controls				
17.	Other Transportation Facilities				
18.	Support Facilities, Utility Installations				
19.	AVS Check				
20.	Air Quality Permit				
21.	Bonding and Insurance				
22.	Other				

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# 1. Permits, Change, Transfer, Renewal, Sale

The permit for this reclaimed site was renewed effective August 28, 2004 and expires August 30, 2008.

### 2. Signs and Markers

Signs with the required information were posted at the access to the reclaimed site.

## 4.b Hydrologic Balance: Sediment Ponds and Impoundments

The three-celled sediment pond contained water in the upper cell. The water had evaporated approximately one foot from the previous level noted during the June 21st inspection.

## 13. Revegetation

With the increased snowfall this past winter the vegetation at the site has been growing very well. Species observed included Great Basin Wild Rye, Yellow Sweet Clover, Elder Berry, Palmer Penstomen, Western Wheat Grass, Choke Cherry, Snowberry, Bluebunch Wheatgrass, Ladak Alfalfa, Northern Sweetvetch and Cicer Milkvetch.